

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Context selection in a network element through subscriber flow switching. According to one embodiment of the invention, authentication, authorization and accounting is performed for a subscriber desiring to connect to a plurality of services on different contexts. In response, bindings are established to a plurality of contexts for the subscriber. In response to receiving a traffic packet from the subscriber, at least certain header information from the traffic packet is accessed. Based on at least the accessed header information, one of the plurality of contexts is selected for that traffic packet.